

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 26 July 2002
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Columbia Tristar Home Entertainment
 Title of Publication: Earth VS. The Spider
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Director: Scott Ziehl
 Producers: Lou Arkoff, Stan Winston, Colleen Camp
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: DVD
 Country of Origin: USA
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu: Play Movie
 Audio Set Up
 Subtitles
 Scene Selections
 Special Features

Feature: Earth VS. The Spider Running time: 86.21

Other Moving Components: Dolby Digital Notice Running time: 0.28
 Copyright Warning Notice 0.10
 Making Of Featurette 1.47
 Godzilla 1.48
 The Forsaken 1.50
 The Breed 1.28
 Hollow Man 1.26

Other Components: Photo Gallery
 Filmography

Total Running time: 95.18

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

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Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Contains horror scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 25 July 2002

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD entitled *Earth VS. The Spider* is classified as:
Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

The DVD contains a feature previously rated in video format by the Film and Video Labelling Body. The video recording *Earth VS. The Spider* was rated Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

Under Regulation 8 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994, the publication must be submitted by the labelling body to the Classification Office if the DVD contains restricted additional material or material advertising restricted films. The DVD *Earth VS. The Spider* contains additional material including four trailers for other publications, three of which advertise features which received restrictive classifications.

The feature revolves around the character of Quentin, a shy young man with an obsession for super heroes who works as a security guard in a bio-chemical plant. After his partner is shot during a break in at the plant, Quentin injects himself with an unknown substance which imparts super human qualities to him including strength and the ability to cast a web. While initially Quentin is pleased with his transformation, the process continues until he has mutated into a flesh eating, half spider/half human monster. He is eventually killed as he is about to eat the woman he loves.

Additional material on the DVD includes a brief featurette, four trailers, photographs, and filmographies. The four trailers each advertise features which are based on horror or supernatural themes. Consequently, they all depict monstrous creatures such as dinosaurs in *Godzilla*, vampires in *The Forsaken*, or mutated humans in the *Hollow Man*. While some of these images may be disturbing to younger viewers, such as a partially invisible man attacking his victims or vampires showing their fangs, the briefness of the images and lack of context means they are unlikely to be injurious to the public good. The additional material is not found to require alteration to the original rating given to the video recording.

The DVD entitled *Earth VS. The Spider* is therefore classified as Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over. The descriptive note of "Contains horror scenes" has been attached.

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